

Safety On The Road

Get Information At The Accident Scene

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Just in case, your driver training includes what to do in the event of an accident.

There are certain company policies about what to do at an accident scene. You may also be supplied with written materials to fill out in case of an accident.

Here are some reminders about procedures which may be part of the company's policies or good practices:

- If you suspect even a minor accident may have occurred, stop and investigate immediately.
- Set out warning devices to prevent further collisions.
- Assist any injured persons and call for medical help.

- Notify the ambulance and police. Also contact your supervisor and insurance adjuster according to company instructions.

- If necessary, ask a passerby to report the accident. You may be supplied with an accident notification card for this purpose.

- Be prepared to give police and other authorities your name, address, company name, address and vehicle registration number. Be ready to show your operator's license to the proper authorities.

- Obtain names and addresses of witnesses or the first persons to arrive at the scene.

- If your vehicle strikes an unattended vehicle, place your name and address, and the name of your company on the damaged vehicle.

- Secure your vehicle to prevent more damage or theft.

- Complete your driver's report at the scene of the accident.

- Your company accident reporting kit may include a disposable camera. This can help you gather more information to explain the events to company personnel. Take pictures not only of the accident but the area around it. Record any skid marks. Show distances by using a point of reference.

- Upon your return to the terminal, give the accident information documents to your supervisor.

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